

## WHIP 2009 Ranking Tool\*\*

Land Uses: Wildlife

### National Priorities:

Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitats?	5
2	Are the planned restoration of declining or important native fish and wildlife habitat conservation practices of a self-sustaining nature such as a native perennial plant?	5
3	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat to benefit at-risk species?	5
4	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of wildlife habitat for Federally listed threatened and endangered	5
5	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the reduction of invasive species on fish and wildlife habitats?	1
6	Will the treatment intended to implement using WHIP result in the protection, restoration, development or enhancement of declining or important aquatic wildlife species habitats?	5
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>26</b>

### State Issues:

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
	1	Will at least three acres of new terrestrial habitat be established, or obstructions to fish passage be removed?	15
	2	Is the site a potential habitat for at-risk, Threatened or Endangered species as evidenced by known occurrences or positive response to PNDI search?	20
	3	Is or will there be at least a 30 ft. wide un-cropped and/or un-grazed vegetated buffer around fields, wetlands and along streams that will be	13
	4	Is the planned grassland cover going to include forbs and wildflowers, or if a Riparian Forest Buffer, native trees and shrubs?	10
	5	Will livestock be excluded from streams and/or wetlands except for stable	11
	6	Does the applicant have a wildlife habitat management plan?	17
<b>Maximum Points: 86 Total Points</b>			<b>86</b>

**Selected Resource Concerns and Practices\*:**

Practice	Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space	Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern	Fish and Wildlife: Threatened and Endangered Fish and Wildlife Species
Brush Management (314)		X	X	X	X
Conservation Cover (327)		X	X	X	X
Critical Area Planting (342)		X		X	X
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (647)	X	X		X	X
Fence (382)			X		
Field Border (386)		X	X		
Fish Passage (396)	X				X
Forest Stand Improvement (666)		X	X	X	X
Hedgerow Planting (422)		X		X	X
Prescribed Grazing (528)		X			
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)		X	X	X	X
Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390)	X	X	X	X	X
Stream Crossing (578)				X	X
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395)	X	X			X
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)		X		X	X
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)		X	X	X	X
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)		X		X	X
Wetland Creation (658)		X	X	X	X
Wetland Enhancement (659)		X		X	X
Wetland Restoration (657)		X	X	X	X
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)		X		X	X

**\*Practices listed above may have changed. Check with your local field office or EQIP Program Manager. See the EQIP Program Website at <http://www.pa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html>**